

# WAUKESHA COUNTY TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION

## February 21, 2012

### In Attendance:

Ms. Mitzi Dobersek; Wisconsin DOT Highway Engineering Representative  
Michael Grulke, Traffic Engineer; Highway Commissioner Representative  
Police Specialist Steven Kraus; City of Waukesha Police Department Representative  
Lieutenant Larry LaFavor; Chairman, Traffic Safety Coordinator  
Ms. Andrea Loeffelholz; DOT Bureau of Transportation Safety  
Sergeant Steve Rudie; Menomonee Falls Police Department Representative  
Sergeant Mark Tushaus; City of Brookfield Police Department

### CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Traffic Safety Commission Chairman Lieutenant Larry LaFavor at 2:07 p.m.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Police Specialist Steven Kraus, from the City of Waukesha Police Department, made a motion to approve the minutes; and Sergeant Mark Tushaus, from the City of Brookfield Police Department, seconded the motion. The minutes were then approved.

### TRAFFIC SAFETY LEGISLATION REPORT

The Wisconsin Department Of Transportation reported there were 62 fatalities compared to 55 from last year, and there is an increase of 26 since 2010. Alcohol, speed, and not wearing seat belts are the main factors for the increase. Waukesha County reported 17 fatalities.

Andrea Loeffelholz has also sent out numerous e-mails to all of the committee members containing pertinent information such as: Preliminary 2011 Year-End Crash Statistics; State Patrol Laws of the Month; Legislative Updates, etc.



### COMMISSION MEMBER REPORTS

- ❖ Wisconsin DOT Highway Engineering  
Mitzi Dobersek stated Capitol Drive and Highway 18 will be summer projects, which will include traffic signal upgrades. Lieutenant LaFavor, Chairman of the Traffic Safety Commission, asked if the 55 mile per hour speed limit on Highway 83 between CTH X and CTH I (round-about) should be reduced to 45 miles per hour. Mitzi Dobersek stated she would check into the matter.

HIGH CRASH LOCATIONS / FATALS

- ➡ Chairman Larry LaFavor reported that the Waukesha Sheriff's Department had two fatalities, as follows:

- Date of Accident: 12-10-11

Location: Lynndale Road and Bayberry Drive

A 2006 white Pontiac G6 with a 41-year-old male driver was operating westbound on CTH JK, approaching the W. Barberry Drive entrance; and, due to high speed and traveling too fast for conditions, came around a curve in the road, crossed over the lane of travel, lost control, veered off the road. The vehicle started to roll over as it collided with a tree, and ended up on its roof. The fire department extricated the driver from the vehicle, and Flight For Life determined that the driver was deceased. This accident was due to the possibility of speed and/or alcohol.

- Date of Accident: 01-10-12

Location: Road DT and Parkers Place

This crash occurred on 01-10-12, at 0014 hours, when the driver, a 20-year-old male, operating a 2000 Ford Explorer with Texas plates, was driving too fast for conditions on Road DT, and was most likely distracted, possibly by texting. The driver was ejected from the vehicle. It was later found that his seatbelt was latched, however, the driver had been sitting on the latched seatbelt. He was transported by Flight For Life to Froedtert Hospital where he passed away later that day, at 2350 hours.

- ➡ Police Specialist Steven Kraus reported that the Waukesha Police Department had one fatalities, as follows:

- Date of Accident: 02-14-12

Location: East North Street and West Moreland Boulevard

This three-vehicle crash occurred at 0647 hours, when the driver, a 34-year-old female was traveling southbound on East North Street, coming into the city, and slid into oncoming traffic. The driver was ejected as a result of the weather-related accident. She was not wearing a seatbelt. The Waukesha Fire Department transported the victim to Waukesha Memorial Hospital where she was pronounced dead. One other female was transported by the Waukesha Fire Department to Waukesha Memorial Hospital for non-life threatening injuries, and a male was treated at the scene and released.

NEXT QUARTERLY MEETING SCHEDULED

The next meeting of the Waukesha County Traffic Safety Commission is scheduled for Tuesday, May 22, 2012, at 2:00 p.m., at the City of Waukesha Police Department.

ADJOURNMENT

Lieutenant Larry LaFavor, Chairman of the Traffic Safety Commission made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Ms. Andrea Loeffelholz, from the Department Of Transportation Bureau of Transportation Safety. The meeting was adjourned at 3:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Gregesich  
Waukesha County Sheriff's Department

**(MINUTES APPROVED ON 05-22-12)**